



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Another week of scattered rainfall created muddy field conditions, making harvest a challenge in some areas during the week ending September 30, 2018, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **3.8 days suitable for fieldwork**. Field activities for the week included harvesting corn, soybeans, dry edible beans, potatoes, sunflowers and sugarbeets. There were some reports of fall tillage work being conducted as well.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus.

Corn mature was at 87 percent, 12 days ahead of the five-year average. Harvest of corn for grain at 8 percent complete was over 2 weeks ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of average. **Corn for silage** harvest was 93 percent complete, 12 days ahead of average. Corn crop condition was rated 78 percent good to excellent. Ninety-four percent of the **soybean** crop was dropping leaves, over 2 weeks ahead of average. Twenty-seven percent of the soybean crop was harvested, 10 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of average. Soybean condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of September 30, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days suitable.....	3.8	3.1	3.6	(NA)
	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	1	4	75	20
Subsoil moisture.....	1	9	70	20

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition as of September 30, 2018

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	4	16	52	26
Soybeans.....	2	6	20	51	21
Sugarbeets	3	3	19	15	60
Sunflowers, all.....	0	2	31	56	11
Pasture and range.....	5	12	32	45	6

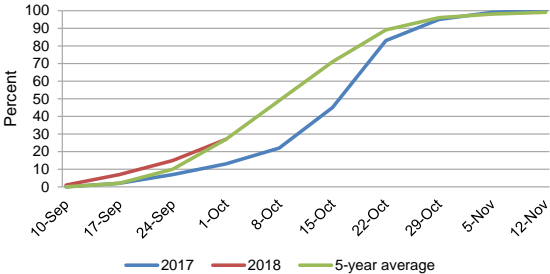
Field Work and Crop Progress as of September 30, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	87	66	52	61
Corn harvested for grain....	8	3	2	4
Corn harvested for silage...	93	85	75	79
Dry beans harvested	94	82	83	77
Potatoes harvested.....	81	69	68	71
Soybeans dropping leaves	94	82	79	83
Soybeans harvested.....	27	15	12	24
Sugarbeets harvested.....	18	11	16	20
Sunflowers harvested	13	4	0	7

Ninety-four percent of dry edible beans have been harvested, 15 days ahead of average. **Sunflower** harvest was 13 percent complete, 5 days ahead of average. Sunflower condition was rated at 67 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 81 percent complete, 5 days ahead of average. **Sugarbeet** harvest was 18 percent complete, 2 days ahead of the previous year. Sugarbeet condition was unchanged, at 75 percent good to excellent.

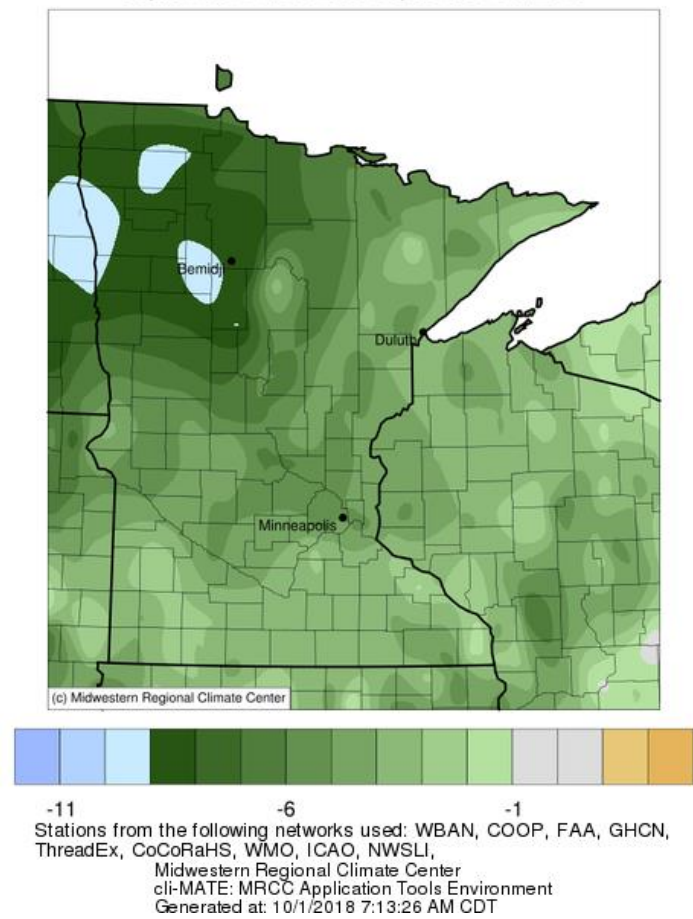
Pasture conditions were rated 51 percent good to excellent.

Percent of Soybeans Harvested - Minnesota
For the Fifth Week of September

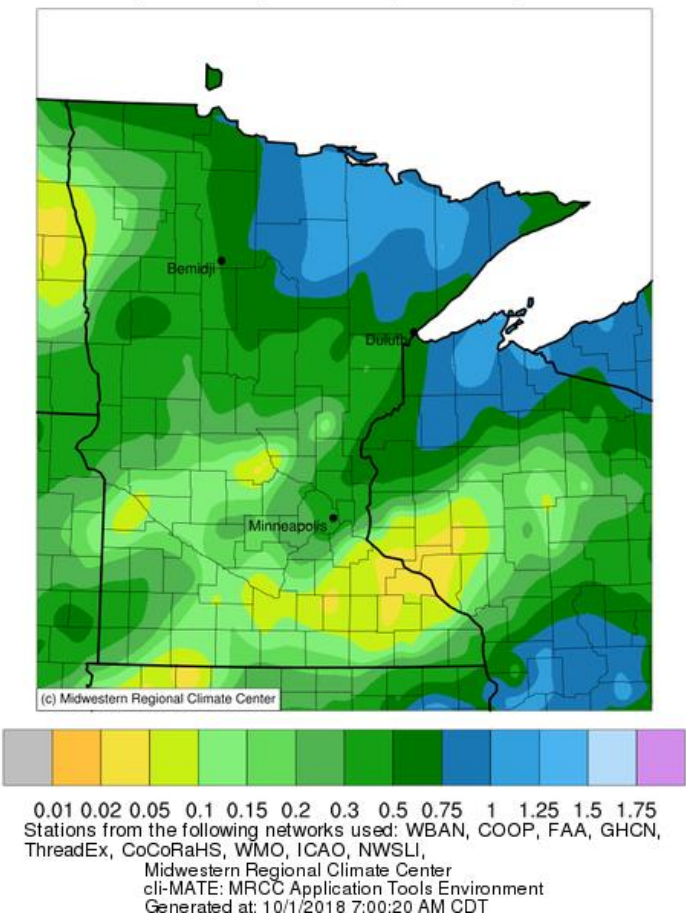


Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 30, 2018

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018



National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwest Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>